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~~AT&T Plans to Build~~ Switching Complex, Unit For Its Overseas Calls

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NEW YORK—American Telephone & Telegraph Co. said it plans to build both a long distance switching complex and a new overseas operating center in Denver at a total cost of \$9.5 million.

AT&T said a \$6 million switching complex, which will handle long distance calls between the Denver region and other U.S. cities and Canada, will be located in the Mountain Bell Telephone Co. building in Denver.

The new operating center, to be built at a yet unchosen site in Denver, will specialize initially in handling calls from the U.S. to countries in the Pacific Basin. As overseas calling volume grows, AT&T said, the new center will handle worldwide long-distance calls.

The two facilities, which are expected to be in operation in mid-1972, are related, AT&T said, as the switching installation will include special dial equipment to be used by operators in completing overseas calls.